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Pete Demario, KØUDG, New PPRAA President

THREE OTHER OFFICERS AND
THREE BOARD MEMBERS ARE
REELECTED AT MEETING

Three of the four members of the PPRAA Board of Directors whose two year terms were expiring were reelected for another two years and three of the four officers of the club were reelected for another year in office at the annual PPRAA meeting October 9.

Reelected as directors were Pete Demario, KØUDG, George Kowalski, WØGCH, and Max Main, WØBDH. John Summers, WAØHHN, president for the past year, withdrew as a candidate and Eldon Lewis, WAØERA, was elected to fill that vacancy.

Pete Demario, KØUDG, was elected president for the coming year, while George Kowalski, WØGCH, Rosemarie Lewis, WAØMNL, and Rudy Wroblewski, WAØPJG, were reelected to fill the offices of vice president, secretary and treasurer, respectively.

In the voting on the two proposals offered as a change to Article IV, Section
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* ANNUAL AUCTION OF RADIO GEAR *
* SLATED FOR NOVEMBER MEET *

* The annual auction of radio gear *
* will be the feature of the November *
* PPRAA meeting, to start at 8 p.m. *
* November 13, at the Naval Reserve *
* Training Center, Lake and Logan Sts. *

* The usual rule's will apply--10' *
* per cent of the gross goes into the *
* club coffers--you take the rest home *
* unless you invest it in some of the *
* other "goodies" up for sale. *

* Empty out those boxes of unused *
* gear the xyl has been complaining *
* about and you can pick up some other *
* stuff so she can "change her tune" a *
* bit. *

* Those "tried and true" exponents *
* of auctioneering, Pete Demario, KØ- *
* UDG, and Bill Haskin, KØCEN, will *
* be on hand to coax the maximum pos- *
* sible price for you and the club. *

JIM RUSSELL'S DONATION AIDS PPRAA

Jim Russell, WØAVP, long-time
member of the PPRAA, has donated his
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The PPRAA meets the second Wednesday of each month in the U. S. Naval Reserve Training Center, Lake and Logan Streets, starting at 8 p.m. All radio amateurs and other interested persons are invited to attend.

COPY DEADLINE for DECEMBER ZERO BEAT will be November 27.

EDITORIAL

HELP THOSE WHO HELP US

With this issue, Zero Beat begins a long-considered policy of carrying advertising messages by Colorado Springs and Denver Distributors of radio and electronic supplies and equipment.

Publication of Zero Beat in its present form during the past two and a half years and the increased cost of mailing it since the rise in postal rates this year has been somewhat costly to the club. In order to assure its continuation in this form, some means of helping to offset this cost is necessary. The offer by these dealers to advertise in Zero Beat provides a means of assuring continuation of this publication without a drain on PPRAA funds.

By helping to offset this cost thru advertising in Zero Beat, these firms are adding to what has always been generous support of the PPRAA in the past---in the matter of prizes for our meetings, for the annual picnics, and during our sponsorship of the 1966 Rocky Mountain Div., ARRL, convention.

By patronizing these firms which advertise in Zero Beat, you will be doing both yourself and the club a big favor. You'll be ahead by being able to see just

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Pres. - Pete Demario, KØUDG
Vice Pres. - George Kowalski, WØGCH
Secty. - Rosemarie Lewis, WAØMNL
Treas. = Rudy Wroblewski, WAØPJG

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Max Main, WØBDH
Harold Combs, WAØPNR
Ed Pompea, KØZPG
Eldon Lewis, WAØERA

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what you are buying, rather than ordering something from a fancy catalog and hoping that what you order "matches" the picture and description, you'll save on time by getting the article when you want it and you'll save on transportation costs. You will help the club by showing these advertisers that their "confidence" in the PPRAA is warranted.

Keep this in mind the next time you need something in the way of parts or electronic gear.

---Frank, WØHWH

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DIGEST OF ARRL BULLETINS

Concurrent with the shift to standard time October 27, WIAW adopted new code practice and bulletin frequencies. The code practice and code bulletins will take place on 1820, 3520, 7020, 14020, 21020, 28020, 50020 and 144120 kHz. WIAW voice bulletins will be transmitted on 1820, 3820, 7220, 14220, 21020, 28520, and 144120 kHz.

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ARRL has filed comments with FCC supporting Operation Retread Docket 18266 which would make former amateurs eligible for Novice after a year off the air. The League asks that current Technicians
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OFFICERS, DIRECTORS ELECTED

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2 of the By-Laws on the method of electing officers, the members expressed their approval of Proposal 2 by a large majority. Thus this portion of the By-Laws will be amended to read "The officers of the association shall be elected from the members of the board at the regular annual meeting of the members by ballot by plurality vote of the voting members present at the meeting."

Proposal 1, offered for consideration, read "The officers of the association shall be elected by the board of directors during the regular annual meeting of the association."

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JIM RUSSELL DONATION

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entire amateur radio station and equipment to the American Red Cross here with directions that it be used as part of the PPRAA station at the Red Cross Center.

Jim and his xyl are disposing of their home, will spend the winter in Florida, then return to Colorado Springs to live in an apartment. Since the apartment living will probably preclude space for the equipment, Jim decided to donate it to the Red Cross here.

Following is a list of equipment:

Collins KWS-1 xmtr.
Collins 75A-4 rcvr.
NC 2 40-D rcvr.
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OSIE'S REPORTINGS

By Rosemarie Lewis
WAØMNL

Three of the regulars in the code and theory classes have received their novice licenses. They are Doug Wilson, WNØVSL; Carol Cramer, WNØVSM, and Russ Geoffrey, WNØVSM. Anyone having novice band crystals they would like to lend or sell, please notify either John Summers, WAØHHN, or Wally Rowland, KØWMD, so that they might be made available to the new novices.

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Palmer High School has formed a radio club with 17 members. Ron Seats, KØLZD, is sponsor. President is Russ Geoffrey, WNØVSN, vice president is Doug Wilson, WNØVSL, and secretary Linda Lewis, WAØMNM.

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Rudy Wroblewski, WAØPJG, made a trip to Denver to buy a mobile coil antenna and couldn't resist a linear he saw there.

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John Summers, WAØHHN, and xyl Iris, are enjoying a new grandson and a new car.

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Making good recovery from surgery are Ida Demario, WAØNTA, and Larry Mardock, KØUUN.

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Edith, xyl of Jay Hall, WØCOB, remains in serious condition at Fort Carson Hospital.

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PPRAA associate member Florence Kaplicky was chairman of the Royal Neighbors of America convention held here in the Springs. She has been highly complimented on the FB job she did.

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Part of the amateur's code states: "The Amateur is Gentlemanly, Progressive, Friendly and Balanced." George Kowalski, WØGCH, demonstrated all these

and more when he appeared as guest speaker at the Royal Neighbors convention October 8. George did a great job explaining Amateur Radio to the group. The audience consisted of about 100 women from the Royal Gorge District. (Lending moral and verbal support was WAØMNL).

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Larry Mardock, KØUUN, and xyl Lela plan to move to Houston, Tex. They plan their retirement there to be near their son.

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Had a QSO with Bob, K2ICQ, in Syracuse, N. Y., and didn't have to log it. It was done via fone patch, courtesy of Frank, WØHWH.

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Frank Craw, WØHWH, found that his "losing bout" with a power saw wasn't a complete loss. During the week he was off work with a very sore left hand, he shook the cobwebs out of the 10 meter section of his Collins 32V3 xmtr and "old faithful" Hallicrafter SX28 rcvr to get a bunch of "5-9 plus" reports from stations in Virginia, Massachusetts Maryland, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. His comment was "Well, I guess AM isn't completely dead yet."

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SILENT KEY--Bob Oberman, WØNVU, Trinidad, Colo. Bob was very well known and dependable in the Amateur Radio service.

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The Lewis fone patch is now operating and even worked it double patch. Helping Eldon hook it up was Wally, KØWMD. Those two were on air and fone simultaneously.

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Many a live wire would be dead except for his connections.

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Since becoming a Girl Scout leader, it has been assumed that when we go on trips we can always get the message home

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The PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Pete Demario, KØUDG

With the election of officers and directors now behind us for another year, we should turn our thoughts to how to make ours a better club. By the time this reaches you, the board of directors will have met, making new appointments to the standing committees.

Hopefully a lot of new and fruitful ideas will blossom to help make our club better than ever.

With the approaching of November 22, the first half of the FCC Incentive Licensing rule will be going into effect. I hope that as many of you that wish will be able to up grade your licenses. Lots of luck. I think it will be worthwhile.

Once again auction month has rolled around. I hope that everyone will dig out their long saved, but seldom used, goodies and take them to our action, thereby converting them to something that might be useful to all concerned.

The terms of our auction will be about the same as on other years, cash at the time of the sale. The club will get 10 per cent of the gross. No charge will be

made, however, for items that are not sold. Anyone can donate an item to the club to be sold at out auction for the good of the club. Responsibility for any item will rest with the owner and not the club.

The clerk of the auction will be Ida Demario, WAØNTA. The auctioneers will be Bill Haskin, KØCEN, and myself.

Please label your goodies with your name so that proper ID can be made, thereby making the bookkeeping job easier and quicker. Bring lots of goodies and green stuff. C U at the auction. 73. Pete.

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ROSIE'S REPORTINGS

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that we have arrived, etc. But when we planned a Taos, N. M., I was afraid we couldn't work it out. But we did--in fact we found three ops there.

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Eldon Lewis, WAØERA, and family QSO'd via a fone patch from Boulder with Eldon's brother Dale aboard the SS Glamor off the African coast. Amateur radio is the only communications the ship has. The fone patch from Boulder was Q5 copy but when ERA tried to pick up the signal he was unable to hear it. (Guess we need a beam on the other end of our rig.)

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also be eligible for the privilege if they have not held a Novice license in the 12 months preceding application. Another ARRL filing asks FCC to keep the whole six meter band open to all licenses, Technician Class and higher, contrary to present plans restricting 100 kHz to Advanced and Extra November 22, 1968 and 250 kHz to these licensees November 22, 1969.

The United States has concluded a reciprocal operating agreement with the Republic of Ireland. This new agreement, along with the Barbados and Surinam, adds to the October QST listing.

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FOR SALE--TA-33 Jr. Beam and rotator, \$40. Must sell by next meeting. Bill Mueller, KØFHJ, 632-6273.

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Don't forget the auction November 13!!

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